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Iowa Finance Authority Awards \$50,000 Grant to Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation to Construct New Homes in Elkader and Guttenberg

State Housing Trust Fund Grant to Advance Affordable Housing Opportunities

Des Moines – The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors recently awarded a \$50,000 grant to Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC) to assist with the construction of two single-family homes in Elkader and Guttenberg. The grant funding is made available through the State Housing Trust Fund's Project-Based Housing program. The program provides financing for the development of affordable single-family and multifamily housing units.

The grant will be used to construct two new, single-family rental homes on infill lots located in Elkader and Guttenberg. Once the projects are completed, the homes will be available for rent to households earning 60 percent or less of the area median income. The tenant families will receive homeownership counseling, and participating families are expected to be ready to purchase their homes within one to three years.

"I commend the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation for their efforts in creating a rental and educational opportunity for Iowans that eventually leads to homeownership," said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. "The State Housing Trust Fund was created to be a resource to help move local housing priorities forward and this project is an example of that goal in action."

"The State Housing Trust is an excellent resource in helping us meet the housing needs in communities like Elkader and Guttenberg," said Mary Ann Humpal, Executive Director of NEICAC. "We have completed 21 single-family homes for low-income home buyers, with 16 of those homes being sold to participating families. This has been made possible thanks in large part to partners like the Iowa Finance Authority."

The State Housing Trust Fund has provided more than \$42.4 million in funding to support 15,233 affordable housing units since the program's inception in 2003. These awards have leveraged an additional \$3.49 in other resources for every dollar of State Housing Trust Fund funding.

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority, the state's housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low-and moderate-income Iowans.

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